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Stadium Clears Major Hurdle

D.C. Council approves plan for ballpark on the Anacostia

WASHINGTON | The D.C. Council narrowly gave preliminary approval Tuesday to a plan to build a publicly funded baseball stadium in Southeast, moving closer toward finding a permanent home for the Washington Nationals but sending a message to Mayor Anthony A. Williams that his work is not finished.

At the end of a seven-hour meeting, before a standing-room-only crowd that at times included Williams (D), the council voted 6 to 4, with three members abstain-

ing, in favor of building the stadium along the Anacostia River near the Navy Yard and South Capitol Street.

Along the way, the council eliminated a provision in the bill that promised \$45 million for public libraries and \$30 million for other neighborhood projects. The council also added a provision that will allow city leaders to formally consider private financing options for several more months. Both moves came at the urging of Chairman Linda W. Cropp (D).

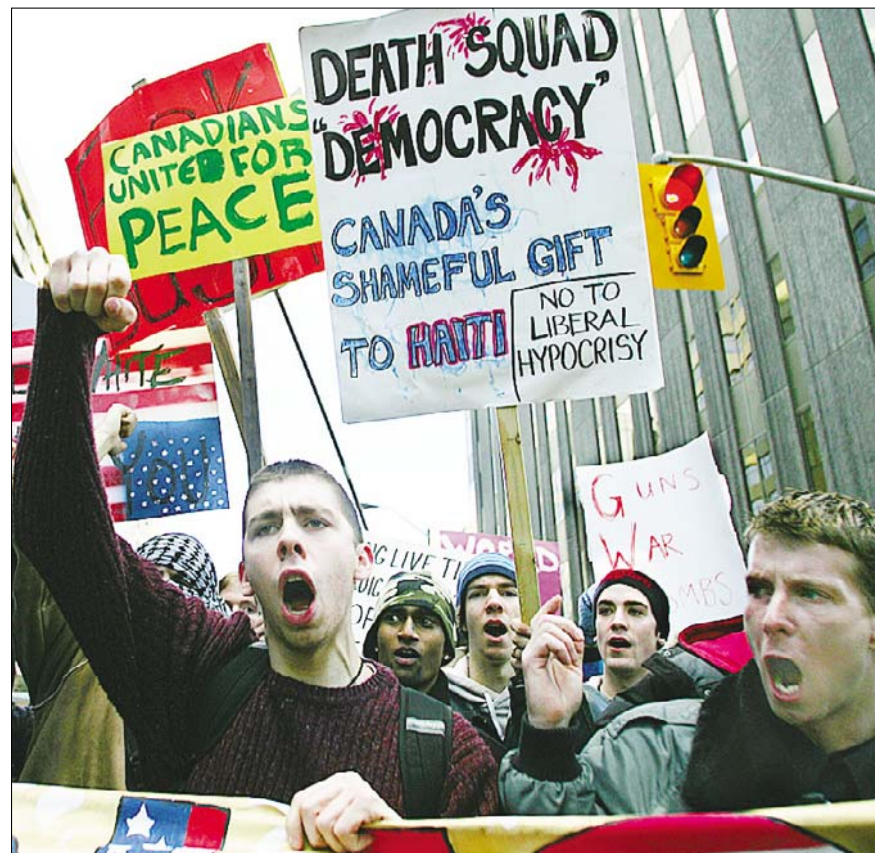


Williams

The legislation also requires that city Chief Financial Officer Natwar M. Gandhi conduct a cost analysis of the stadium before construction begins. If the estimate is \$100 million higher than his initial estimate of \$530 million, the project must be moved to a cheaper location.

Under council procedures, the bill must be voted on again. That final vote will come Dec. 14 or 21. DAVID NAKAMURA (THE WASHINGTON POST)

BUSH IN CANADA | JEERING SECTION



NOISY NEIGHBORS: Demonstrators massed in Ottawa on Tuesday to protest President Bush's arrival for meetings with Canadian leaders. Protest organizers say 13,000 turned out, but police put the figure at 5,000. Ten were arrested. ♣ **On the mend:** Leaders seek to heal strained relations | **Page 8**

Ridge to Exit Top Domestic Security Post

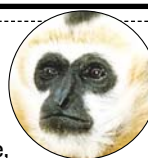
WASHINGTON | Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge, whose name became synonymous with color-coded terror alerts and tutorials about how to prepare for possible attack, resigned Tuesday, saying he was confident the United States is significantly safer than before the 2001 terrorist strikes.

Ridge, who has warned that the country may face increased terror risks around the holidays and the Jan. 20 presidential inauguration, said he will remain on the job through Feb. 1. He submitted his resignation to President Bush on Tuesday after attending a threat briefing with CIA and FBI officials.

As the nation's first chief of the new Department of Homeland Security, Ridge presided over a collection of 22 disparate federal agencies and 180,000 employees.

He acknowledged he could not prove the enormously expensive and complex security measures put in place since 2001 have foiled any terrorist attacks inside the United States but said he was certain that, because of the changes, terrorists know that "America is a different place to work and operate in." (AP)

CEREMONIES | Monkey I-Do's A couple in Phuket, Thailand, celebrated their marriage Monday by pretending they were primates. Briton Sam Lake and Israeli Norka Russin are volunteers for a gibbon rehabilitation program. At their wedding, Lake,



26, summoned his mate by imitating a male gibbon call. His 28-year-old bride responded with happy monkey calls, swinging from a treetop into his embrace, The Nation reported. The groom noted that gibbons mate for life. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

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CONSEQUENCES

The Joke's on Them

A La Vista, Neb., man's wisecrack wasn't very funny for him and two of his friends. Police said the 22-year-old man entered a gas station Sunday and joked that he had a gun. The joke didn't alarm the clerk — she was his mother. But another customer was concerned and called police. Officers arriving at

the scene found the man and a friend in a car along with a quarter-pound of marijuana, the Omaha World-Herald reported. The two were arrested. While being held, they used a prison phone to persuade a girlfriend to come to the station and claim the pot was hers. Police knew her story was false because inmate phone calls are recorded. She was arrested, too — for false reporting. (EXPRESS)

IDENTIFICATION

Caller I.D.

One Bournemouth, England, robber has gone from appearing in camera-phone snapshots to jail mugshots. David Kelly, 30, dropped his cell phone as he and an accomplice switched getaway cars after a \$11,000 raid on real estate agents,



The Sun reported. Police identified Kelly from the camera phone's album of pictures of him with his wife. He was found guilty of robbery and sentenced Monday to six years in prison. His accomplice was the one who held up the agents, claiming to have a shotgun, which turned out to be a hammer. (EXPRESS)

HABITUAL OFFENDERS

He Can't See the Error of His Ways

For the second time this month, a blind man in Izvoare, Romania, has stolen a car and crashed into a tree,

the Adevarul newspaper reported Saturday. Earlier this month, Alin Prica, 24, stole a car and drove it almost a mile before smashing into a tree and knocking himself out. At the time, he said he wanted to prove that he could drive despite his disability, and blamed the

BUGS

Swarm Climate

Tourists at a beach in the Canary Islands had some unwelcome company Monday when they were joined by a swarm of pink locusts. Some 100 million of the insects arrived on the islands in recent weeks from Africa. Aid workers said the swarms destroyed up to a third of the crops in the African countries they plagued. (EXPRESS)



CARLOS GUEVARA/REUTERS

crash on not knowing the way home. The next time, Prica recruited two friends, one of whom was sighted. With the direction of the friend who could see, Prica stole a car and drove it 25 miles, but, again, ended up crashing into a tree, police said. (EXPRESS)

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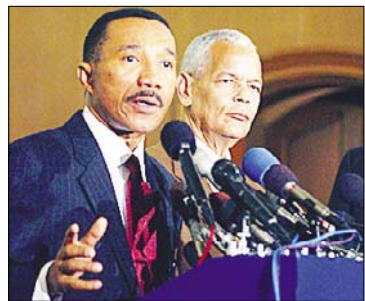
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SUDSY SWEETS: Chicago's Vosges Haut-Chocolat shop has come up with a new twist on chocolate and alcohol blends — Red Stripe beer truffles. The shop also mixes chocolate with Indian curry and taleggio cheese, the Chicago Sun-Times reported.



Nation



NAACP chief Kweisi Mfume, left, and chairman Julian Bond speak to reporters.

Head of NAACP to Step Down

BALTIMORE | NAACP President Kweisi Mfume announced Tuesday that he is stepping down after a nearly nine-year tenure in which he helped rescue the nation's oldest and largest civil rights group from debt and scandal.

Mfume, 56, said he wanted to spend more time with his family, namely his 14-year-old son.

"I don't want to miss another basketball game. I want to sew on his varsity letter on his sweater," Mfume said of his son. "I just need a break. I need a vacation."

He inherited an organization tarnished by scandal and burdened by a \$3.2 million debt when he took over as president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in early 1996.

The organization's legal counsel, Dennis Hayes, will serve as interim president while a national search is conducted. **WILEY HALL (AP)**

Court Rules on Lending Act

Justices uphold caps on damages awarded for misleading car loans

WASHINGTON | Car buyers beware: the Supreme Court said Tuesday that people misled about auto loans cannot use a federal law to receive significant damages.

When Congress passed the Truth in Lending Act 36 years ago, it decided to let consumers sue dishonest lenders for damages of \$100 to \$1,000.

The law has been revised since then, but the Supreme Court ruled 8-1 that the damage caps remain.

The case was watched closely by consumer groups because of its potentially sweeping impact. About 45 million cars are bought and sold in the United States each year. Many are financed through a bank or other lender.

Tuesday's ruling also applies to other financed purchases, such as furniture, but not to homes.

The loser was Bradley Nigh, who alleged he was a victim of unscrupulous tactics by a Virginia car dealer when he tried to buy a used car four years ago.

A jury ordered the dealer, formerly known as Koons Buick Pontiac GMC Inc., to pay Nigh

more than \$24,000 in damages. The high court said, however, that he was entitled to no more than \$1,000 under the federal law.

A ruling the other way could have led to claims for more than \$1 billion in damages nationwide each year, auto dealers and banks said, with buyers having to pay higher interest rates as a result.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg wrote that "less-than-meticulous drafting" of an amendment to the law caused confusion. **(AP)**

Wheel deals: Court overturns loan damage award to Alexandria man | **Today's Washington Post, A Section**

TITLE IX CHALLENGE

→ **The Supreme Court** considered Tuesday whether the landmark gender equity Title IX law shields people who report discrimination, hearing the case of an Alabama girls basketball coach who was fired after complaining that the boys were treated better. Roderick



Jackson

Jackson used the statute as the basis for a lawsuit against the Birmingham Board of Education, claiming wrongful termination after he lost his coaching job in 2001 following repeated requests for equipment upgrades. **(AP)**

MISSOURI | FLAKING OUT



SNOWY TREK: June and Len Horwitz, from Kansas City, Mo., stroll along the Country Club Plaza as heavy snowflakes fall on Tuesday. Kansas City got its second blanket of snow in less than a week in a blast of winter weather.

Intel Bill Push Continues

WASHINGTON | Former members of the Sept. 11 commission met Tuesday with Vice President Dick Cheney, and President Bush planned talks with leaders of Congress in an attempt to gain passage for an intelligence reorganization bill this year.

Tom Kean, the former New Jersey governor who chaired the commission, said panel members are offering Cheney whatever help they can to break an impasse over military intelligence and immigration issues.

Kean said he left the half-hour meeting with Cheney optimistic that the bill would pass, but declined to say what specific strategy the White



Sept. 11 panel members Lee Hamilton, left, and Tom Kean in Washington.

House would pursue to resolve the impasse.

Speaking in Ottawa, Bush said he plans to discuss the bill later this week with Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist and House Speaker Dennis Hastert. **(AP)**



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KNOTT'S LANDING: Officials in Morgantown, W.Va., are planning a "Don Knotts Festival" in August to honor the town's native son and screen some of his film and TV work. The 80-year-old actor's credits include five Emmys for the role of Barney Fife on "The Andy Griffith Show."



Gitmo Tactics Questioned

Red Cross report cites problems in treatment of detainees by U.S.

GENEVA | The International Committee of the Red Cross said Tuesday it has given the Bush administration a confidential report critical of U.S. treatment of terror suspects detained at the U.S. military prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

But the Red Cross, which is the only independent monitor allowed to visit the facility, refused to confirm

or deny a New York Times account that the ICRC report described the psychological and physical coercion used at Guantanamo as "tantamount to torture."

The Bush administration rejected the ICRC accusations that detainees were in any way abused at Guantanamo.

"We strongly disagree with any characterization that suggests the way detainees are being treated is inconsistent with the policies the president has outlined," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said on an Air Force One



Detainees gather at Camp Delta at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in August.

flight to Ottawa, where President Bush later met with Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin.

The Times said ICRC delegates found during a June visit to Guantanamo that U.S. authorities had devised a system to break the will of the prisoners that included using humiliation, temperature extremes and forced positions.

Antonella Notari, spokeswoman for the ICRC, said the agency refused to break its vow of confidentiality on its reports because it had proved to be the best way to improve conditions for detainees.

But she told the Associated Press she could say "there are significant problems regarding the conditions of detention and the treatment of detainees in Guantanamo that still have not been addressed by U.S. authorities." ALEXANDER G. HIGGINS (AP)

In Brief



Accused shooter Chai Vang attends a hearing in Hayward, Wis., on Tuesday.

HAYWARD, WIS. Man Charged in Hunter Slayings Appears in Court

A Hmong immigrant accused of fatally shooting six deer hunters in the woods of northern Wisconsin appeared in a makeshift courtroom Tuesday, a day after charges were filed against him. During a brief hearing held in a room at the Sawyer County Sheriff's Department, Chai Vang, 36, of St. Paul, Minn., had a preliminary hearing scheduled for Dec. 29. He is charged with six counts of murder, each carrying a life prison term, and two counts of attempted murder. (AP)

OLYMPIA, WASH. Republican Candidate Wins Governor's Seat by 42 Votes

Republican Dino Rossi was certified as the winner Tuesday of Washington's race for governor, but the closest gubernatorial contest in state history is far from over. "A recount is almost a certainty," said Secretary of State Sam Reed, the state's chief elections officer. Reed declared Rossi defeated Democrat Christine Gregoire by just 42 votes out of 2.8 million cast. (AP)

BOSTON Transit Agency Loses Battle On Refusal of Marijuana Ads

A federal appeals court has ruled that Boston's mass-transit agency violated free-speech rights by refusing to display advertisements from a group that wants to legalize marijuana. The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority rejected three ads submitted by the group Change the Climate in 2000, claiming they encouraged children to smoke pot. (AP)

Female Sex Patch Could Get FDA OK

NEW YORK | A hysterectomy 11 years ago zapped Colleen Christensen's sexual desire. Now 55 years old and married for 33 years, Christensen said she used to worry that a lack of intimacy was draining the fun and closeness from her relationship.

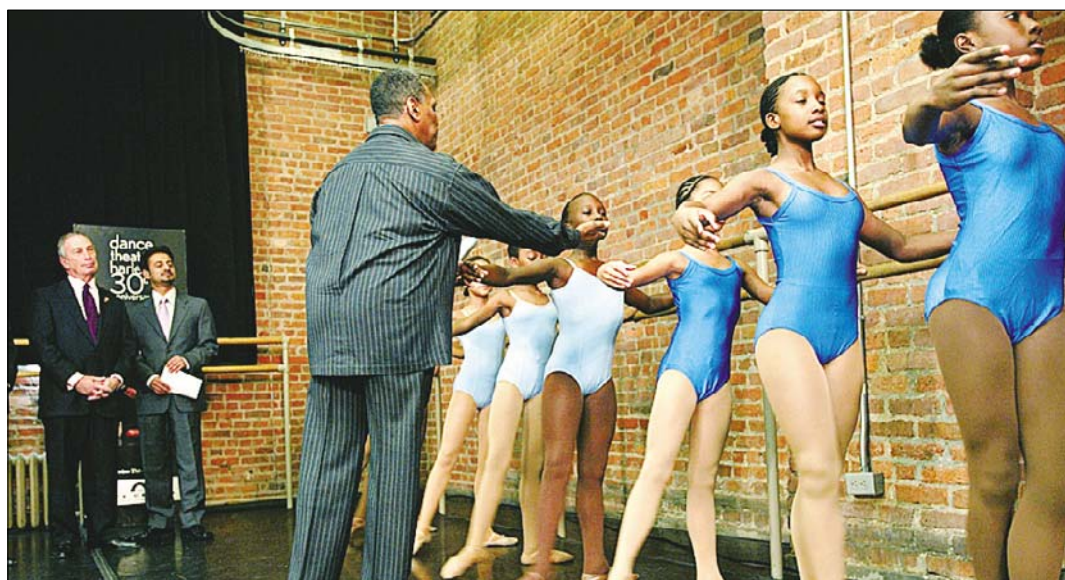
Two and a half years ago she joined a clinical trial for Intrinsa, a testosterone patch made by Procter & Gamble Co. The effect was almost instantaneous. "Remember when you were young and you got this buzz and you looked at your husband and said 'Oh, baby?'" asked Christensen, a homemaker in Poulsbo, Wash.

On Thursday a U.S. Food and Drug Administration committee will review Intrinsa, which could be the first prescription medication to win approval for female sexual dysfunction.

P&G is one of about 10 drug companies seeking to create parity in the sexual dysfunction arena by developing drugs for women. None of the other products, which include creams and sprays, is expected to reach the market before 2006.

Market research firm Decision Resources estimates that the global market for female sexual dysfunction could grow to \$1 billion in the next decade. THERESA AGOVINO (AP)

DANCE THEATRE OF HARLEM | FOCAL POINTE



CLASS ACT: New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, far left, and Laveen Naidu, second from left, look on as Arthur Mitchell directs students in a preview exercise at the Dance Theatre of Harlem School in New York City on Tuesday. The school had closed in October due to poor finances but will reopen this weekend after an influx of new donations.

Gay Methodist Minister to Face Trial

PUGTOWN, PA. | The latest clash in the struggle among mainline Protestant denominations over gay clergy hits a critical point Wednesday with the church trial of a United Methodist Church minister who declared in a sermon last year that she is a lesbian living with her partner.

The Rev. Irene Elizabeth Stroud of Philadelphia could be defrocked if she loses at the trial, expected to run two or three days.

It's the third test of the UMC's

1984 law barring "self-avowed practicing homosexuals" from the ministry. The policy was reaffirmed by a 72 percent vote at the Methodists' General Conference in May.

Given that language, conviction might seem automatic. But last March, a church court acquitted the Rev. Karen Dammann, a pastor in Washington state who also lives openly with a same-sex partner and the Methodists' national supreme court decided it had no power to review the verdict.



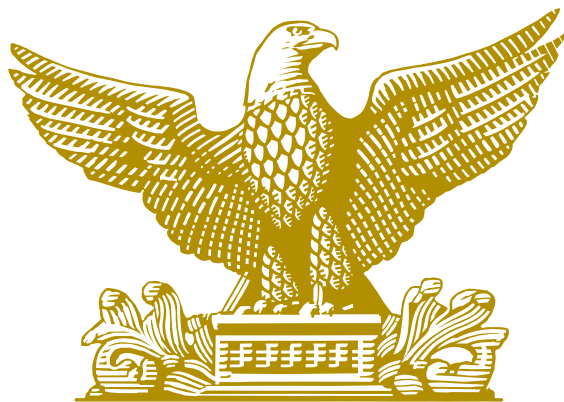
The Rev. Irene Elizabeth Stroud, right, will face a jury of her Methodist peers.

In the other such trial, the Rev. Rose Mary Denman of New Hampshire was defrocked in 1987. (AP)

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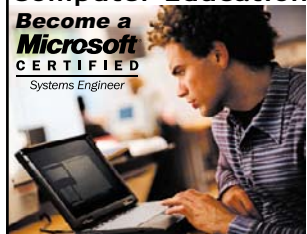
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A Bloody Milestone in Iraq

U.S. death toll in November equals all-time high

WASHINGTON | Fueled by fierce fighting in Fallujah and insurgents' counterattacks elsewhere, the U.S. military death toll for November equalled the highest for any month of the war, according to casualty reports available Tuesday.

At least 135 U.S. troops died in November. That is the same number as last April, when the insurgency flared in Fallujah and elsewhere in the so-called Sunni Triangle where U.S. forces and

their Iraqi allies lost a large measure of control.

On Nov. 8, U.S. forces launched an offensive to retake Fallujah, and they have engaged in tough fighting in other cities since then. More than 50 troops have been killed in Fallujah since then, although the Pentagon has not provided a casualty count for Fallujah for more than a week.

From the viewpoint of the United States and Iraqis who are striving to restore stability, the casualty trend

since the interim Iraqi government was put in power June 28 has been troubling. Each month's death toll has been higher than the last, with the single exception of October, when it was 63.

The monthly totals grew from 42 in June to 54 in July to 65 in August and to 80 in September. The Pentagon's official death toll for Iraq, dating to the start of the war,

A foe: For one insurgent, the fight began when his son was killed by an American bullet | **Today's Post:** Section A

Allawi to Meet With Top Sunnis

BAGHDAD | Iraq's interim prime minister went to Jordan on Tuesday for meetings with tribal figures and other influential Iraqis in a bid to encourage Sunni Muslims to participate in the Jan. 30 elections, but he ruled out contacts with insurgent leaders and ex-members of Saddam Hussein's deposed regime.

Before leaving Baghdad, Prime Minister Ayad Allawi said his government would pursue contacts to encourage broad participation in the elections, which some Sunni clerics have threatened to boycott.



Allawi

But Allawi branded reports that he would meet with former Baath party figures as "an invention by the media," although word of such contacts came last week from the Iraqi Foreign Ministry. Former Baath party leaders are believed to form the core of the insurgency.

Ministry officials had said that Arab governments have urged the Iraqi authorities to make contacts with Iraqi exiles and opposition figures, fearing that without some overture by the Iraqi government toward Sunni insurgents, many Sunnis may boycott the elections. (AP)

PHILIPPINES | PERILOUS PERCH



NATURE'S FURY: Residents examine a collapsed bridge after it was hit by a storm in Quezon province, eastern Philippines, on Tuesday. The death toll from landslides and flash floods jumped to nearly 340, officials said.

U.S. General Says Troops to Launch Afghan Offensive

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | Thousands of U.S. soldiers are preparing an operation against Taliban insurgents to preempt an expected spring offensive which could upset plans for Afghan parliamentary elections, a senior American general said.

The operation will begin within days of the Dec. 7 inauguration of Hamid Karzai as Afghanistan's first directly elected president — an event that itself is a potential target, said Maj. Gen. Eric Olson.

"There could be an unhappy coincidence between the enemy's spring offensive and the parliamentary elections," Olson said at the U.S. base at Bagram, north of Kabul.

He said the aim is to tighten the Afghan-Pakistan border. The offensive will cover the entire U.S.-led force of about 18,000, he said, and would attempt to disturb militants in their "winter sanctuaries" so that they will be in no shape to move against the parliamentary vote slated for April.

The new operation follows a security push begun in July to protect the October presidential election, the first vote since the fall of the Taliban in 2001. (AP)

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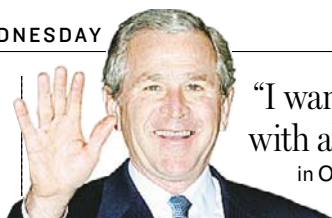
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World



"I want to thank the Canadian people who came out to wave, with all five fingers." —President Bush, joking about the reception he received in Ottawa, referencing the familiar one-finger salute he often gets from protesters.

Bush Tries To Woo Canadians

Leaders seek to mend relations strained by U.S.-led war in Iraq

OTTAWA | President Bush and Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin sought on Tuesday to mend fences after four years of strained relations between the two neighbors aggravated by the war on Iraq.

"I made some decisions that some in Canada obviously didn't agree with. ... I'm the kind of fellow who does what I think is right," he said in the Canadian capital, with Martin at his side. He said the two countries "share a commitment to freedom and a willingness to defend it," recognizing Canada's peacekeeping role in Afghanistan.

For his part, Martin said, "There are obviously disagreements on questions of foreign policy," as well as differences on trade. But he said he and Bush "agreed to put forward an agenda where our two nations will cooperate in a practical way toward common goals."

Bush's visit was his first trip outside the country since the election. He had a cool relationship with ex-Prime Minister Jean Chretien, but Martin, in office less than a year, has sought to repair the damage. (AP)



CHAOS: Parliament guards, legislators and opposition supporters clash at the parliament building in Kiev Tuesday after lawmakers appeared to backslide from supporting measures that would overturn last week's disputed presidential election.

Ukraine Talks Break Down

Opposition walks out; court mulls disputed vote

KIEV, UKRAINE | Raising pressure on his foes, opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko on Tuesday rejected an offer of the prime minister's job from the declared winner of Ukraine's disputed presidential election, and his allies withdrew from compromise talks.

Both sides in the struggle anxiously awaited a Supreme Court verdict on Yushchenko's appeal of the vote results that gave Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich the win in the

Nov. 21 runoff. The court adjourned for the night without a decision.

Thousands of Yushchenko supporters kept up the protests they have maintained since the election, jamming Kiev's central square.

The dispute also sparked a struggle at Ukraine's parliament, with throngs of opposition supporters trying to storm inside after lawmakers tentatively approved a resolution that would cancel Saturday's nonbinding decision to declare the

election results invalid. Protesters got as far as the lobby before police pushed them back.

Outgoing President Leonid Kuchma has proposed a new election and Yanukovich said he and Yushchenko should both bow out if a new vote is held. Yushchenko ignored the proposal and also rebuffed the offer of the prime minister's post in a Yanukovich presidency.

Yushchenko's side said it was breaking off talks, accusing Yanukovich of trying to drag them out to consolidate his grip on power. (AP)



Bush, with Martin, prepares to sign the official visitors book in the rotunda of the parliament in Ottawa on Tuesday.

China Chastises Russia Over Dalai Lama's Visit

BEIJING | China expressed dismay Tuesday that Russia allowed a visit by the Dalai Lama.

The exiled Tibetan spiritual leader is visiting Buddhists in southern Russia this week, having promised the Russian government to refrain from political activities. Russia had rejected three previous visa requests to avoid upsetting China.

"China opposes in any form or in any name visits by the Dalai Lama to countries with diplomatic relations with China," said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Zhang Qiyue. "We cannot under-

stand why Russia granted him permission to visit." Zhang accused the Dalai Lama of promoting Tibetan independence "under the cloak of religion."



Dalai Lama

The Dalai Lama fled his Himalayan homeland in 1959 following a failed uprising against Chinese communist rule. China accuses him of pursuing independence, though he says he wants only autonomy in order to protect Tibet's distinctive Buddhist culture. (AP)

Official: Congo Is On 'War Footing'

KINSHASA, CONGO | A senior Congolese official said Tuesday his nation had been invaded by neighboring Rwanda, and U.N. officials said they were investigating claims of Rwandan forces clashing with militias in the east.

"We are on a war footing," Cabinet minister Mbusa Nyamwisi said.

His comments came as Rwandan President Paul Kagame said in a deliberately vague speech that he already may have sent troops into Congo to disarm Hutu rebels, responsible for the 1994 genocide of a half-million minority Tutsis and moderate Hutus in Rwanda. (AP)

In Brief

ROMANIA

Opposition Leader Calls for New Vote, Claiming Fraud

The leader of Romania's main opposition party, claiming fraud, has called for the annulment of national election results and for a new vote to be held. Traian Basescu, the presidential candidate of the centrist Justice and Truth Alliance, claimed Tuesday that electoral authorities awarded at least 160,000 spoiled ballots — or 2.5 percent of the vote — to his rival, Prime Minister Adrian Nastase.

None of the 12 contenders garnered more than 50 percent of the vote — Nastase was first with 41 percent, while Basescu was second with about 34 percent — and a runoff was slated for Dec. 12. (AP)

CUBA

Leading Dissident Writer Released From Prison

Authorities on Tuesday freed dissident writer Raul Rivero, the latest of half a dozen political prisoners released over the past few days in a move widely seen as intended to court favor with the European Union. Rivero, the best-known among 75 dissidents rounded up in March 2003, was freed on medical parole Tuesday. He had been sentenced to 20 years in prison on charges of working with the United States to undermine Fidel Castro's communist government. Rivero and the other activists denied the charges. (AP)



Rivero

INDONESIA

31 Dead After Airplane Skids Off Runway, Splits in Two

A Lion Air passenger plane carrying more than 150 people skidded off a runway in central Indonesia during heavy rain and split into two pieces Tuesday, killing at least 31 people, airline officials and witnesses said. Some survivors remained stuck in the wreckage for more than three hours after the crash, media reports said. The accident occurred as the plane landed in Solo, a thriving tourist town about 310 miles southeast of Jakarta, reports said. (AP)

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Money

Rollout Begins for Free Credit Reports

Staggered program starts in 13 Western states

WASHINGTON | Americans who want to make sure their credit reports are accurate or check their financial histories can get the information for free under a program starting Wednesday.

The Federal Trade Commission is rolling out the service in phases. Residents in 13 Western states will get first crack at requesting a free credit report. People in Midwestern states will become eligible for free reports on March 1, followed by Southern states on June 1 and Eastern states on Sept. 1.

The FTC is staggering the requesting period to help the nation's three major credit

bureaus — Equifax Inc., Experian Information Solutions and Trans Union — deal with an expected crush of customers.

Banks and other lenders use the data in the reports to evaluate loan applicants. Access to free reports was mandated in consumer privacy legislation President Bush signed into law last year.

Before the new law, consumers had access to free credit reports only if they were denied credit, unemployed, on welfare or believed that they were victims of identity theft. A handful of states also allow residents access to free reports.

SAM HANANEL (AP)

White House OKs Shrimp Tariffs for China, Vietnam

WASHINGTON | The Bush administration on Tuesday upheld the imposition of penalty tariffs on shrimp imports from China and Vietnam, handing a victory to beleaguered U.S. shrimp producers.

The government set duties of up to 112.8 percent on Chinese exports of frozen and canned shrimp. Vietnamese shrimp exports will be hit with duties of up to 25.8 percent.

The action affirmed a preliminary ruling by the Commerce Department last summer. The penalty tariffs have been collected by border agents since July.

The tariffs were imposed after a government probe found the shrimp from those nations was being sold in the U.S. market at unfairly low prices, a practice known as dumping. (AP)

Lycos Europe Goes on Spam Offensive

MADRID, SPAIN | At the risk of breaching Internet civility, a European Web portal is offering its visitors a weapon against spam: a screensaver program that tries to choke spam servers by flooding them with junk traffic.

As of Tuesday, about 65,000 people have signed up for the controversial tool from the German-

based Lycos Europe.

The company insists the technique is legal — it says the culprit servers are simply choked a bit, not completely asphyxiated — and dismissed concerns that its offensive can further clog the world's digital pipeline.

Still, computer experts are worried. "You don't stop a bad thing

by being bad yourself," said David Farber, former chief technologist at the U.S. Federal Communications Commission.

When a computer with the free Lycos screensaver is idle, the program sends junk commands to Web sites identified by Lycos as selling products pitched in spam. When done in masse, this eats up precious bandwidth, causing the sites to overload and slow down. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Gateway	6.81	+.63	+10.2
Primedia	3.20	+.29	+10.0
Wellcare n	32.77	+2.54	+8.4
Salton	6.11	+.45	+8.0
KingPhrm	12.45	+.86	+7.4

Losers

Zenix	3.54	-.42	-10.6
WinDix	4.00	-.41	-9.3
Donldson s	31.00	-2.97	-8.7
Stonerdg	15.21	-1.24	-7.5
AEqInvlfn	9.81	-.69	-6.6

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	5.00	5.00
Fed Funds close	2.00	2.00
3-month	2.19	2.14
2-year	3.00	2.96
10-year	4.35	4.17
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NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Trnsgen	3.49	+1.34	+62.3
eOnCom	3.27	+.92	+39.2
CoppMntn	3.14	+.79	+33.6
UltElct	3.06	+.76	+33.1
Gibl ePnt	3.05	+.74	+32.0

Losers

Syneron n	27.05	-10.15	-27.3
QiaoXing	9.21	-1.99	-17.8
Bitstrm	2.90	-.56	-16.2
CrayInc	3.51	-.62	-15.0
Logility	4.13	-.67	-14.0

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5234	.5280	.5809
Canadian Dollar	1.1879	1.1838	1.2983
European Euro	.7530	.7534	.8342
Japanese Yen	103.03	102.82	109.55
Mexican Peso	11.2360	11.2620	11.3780
Taiwanese Dollar	32.18	32.17	34.17

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-47.88	-10.06	-4.75
-0.46	-0.48	-0.40
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Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
ClearChan	33.68	-.80	-28.1
Comcast	30.04	-.19	-8.4
Comc sp	29.65	-.16	-5.2
CoxCom	34.67	+.01	+.6
DirecTV	15.99	-.11	-3.4
Disney	26.88	-.18	+15.2
Fox Ent	29.40	-.06	+.9
Gannett	82.49	-.28	-7.5
GTelevisa	62.27	+.27	+56.2
LibtyMA	10.33	-.17	+5.0
NewsCpA n	17.69	-.01	+2.9
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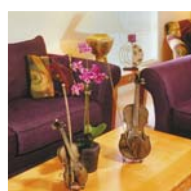
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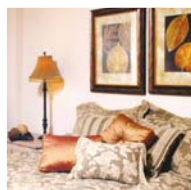
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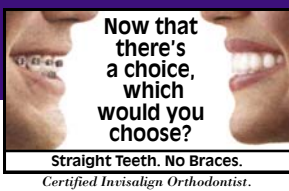
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Metro Panel Supports Tax

Proposal designed to offset agency's rising costs

WASHINGTON | Members of a regional panel charged with helping solve Metro's money troubles announced Tuesday that they will recommend a regional sales tax of 0.25 percent to help offset operating and capital improvement costs.

"We have settled on a sales tax approach to this regionally," said Rudolph Penner, chairman of the panel created last August. The recommendation will be included in a draft report expected to be released to the public Dec. 7.

The sales tax proposal drew

more support than other recommendations considered by the group, including a payroll or property tax. Panel members cited the ability of the sales tax to produce a stable stream of revenue over an extended time in supporting that option. They also noted it is used in other jurisdictions.

In recent months, the panel considered a property tax tied to the square footage of public and commercial office space located in jurisdictions served by Metro as well as gasoline and parking taxes.

Fare hikes would also continue and subsidies paid by the District of Columbia and jurisdictions in suburban Maryland and Northern Virginia served by Metro would also be increased. The group is assuming that increases in federal money will continue, although federal officials have offered no assurances those funds will be available.

One or more of the options could cover Metro's \$2.5 billion operating and capital funding shortfall estimated through 2015. The agency blames the gap on inflation, paratransit and the costs of operating new buses and rail cars. CANDACE SMITH (AP)

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his dream job.

To get the necessary training,
Bosselmann joined the Marines.
There he could train with para-
chutes and get other experience he'd
need to become a smoke jumper.
He quickly discovered that he loved
being a Marine, according to a high
school friend, Mike Phillips.

"He didn't like sitting still,"
Phillips, 22, said Tuesday. "He
wanted to do his part to protect
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A scout sniper in the Marines,
Bosselmann was killed Saturday
in Iraq. The Pentagon released few
details on his death, saying only that
he died in "hostile action" in Iraq's
Anbar province. He was based at
Camp Lejeune, N.C. (AP)

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STANDING TALL: Construction crews work on building the parade reviewing stand in front of the White House on Tuesday. The stand is being constructed in preparation for the inauguration of President Bush in January.



WHO KNEW? The Virginia Department of Transportation will spend \$100,000 to fix errant lanes that a mystery truck spray-painted on five miles of U.S. 1 and Interstate 295 just north of Richmond. The transportation agency has determined that no state employee did the bad paint job, and none of the state's contractors is taking the blame. (AP)

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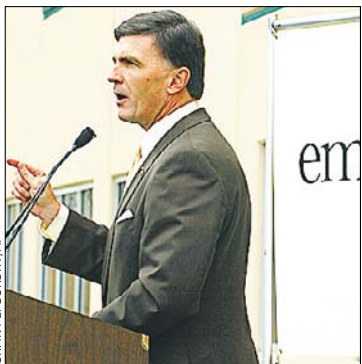
Anthrax Vaccine Maker Makes Frederick Home

Company hopes Md. plant will be completed in the next two years

FREDERICK, MD. | The nation's only maker of a licensed anthrax vaccine cut the ribbon Tuesday on a new plant capable of producing 100 million doses annually for sale to federal, state, local and foreign governments.

Emergent BioSolutions Inc., the newly formed parent of anthrax vaccine maker BioPort Corp., is buying an existing building next to a Toys R Us warehouse in an industrial park south of Frederick. Company officials said the \$95 million plant will give Gaithersburg-based Emergent a valuable presence near the nation's capital, about 40 miles to the south, and the National Biodefense Campus being built at Fort Detrick, a few miles north.

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Maryland Gov. Robert Ehrlich speaks at Tuesday's ceremony in Frederick.

will immediately begin outfitting the 150,000-square-foot space for manufacturing, with completion expected in 18 months to two years, officials said.

The Frederick plant will employ 100 workers initially, and 300 to 400 eventually, company officials said. It will be run by the company's Emergent BioLogics unit.

DAVID DISHNEAU (AP)

Costs of Capitol Visitor Center Continue to Rise

WASHINGTON | The cost of the new Capitol Visitor Center could run as high as \$559 million, more than double the estimated cost when the construction project broke ground in 2000.

The Government Accountability Office, the investigative office of

Congress, also predicted in an analysis Tuesday that the opening for the three-floor underground facility, originally scheduled for the end of 2005, would be further delayed.

The GAO analysis is the latest of several assessments to drive up the price tag of what is the most ambitious and expensive construction project in the history of the Capitol — larger than the addition of the House and Senate wings in the 1850s. (AP)

The Lotteries

Tuesday, Nov. 30

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Evening DC 4	4-8-8-5
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Hot Five	22-19-12-31-18

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Mid-day Pick 3	6-0-9
Evening Pick 3	5-3-6

Mid-day Pick 4	6-5-8-1
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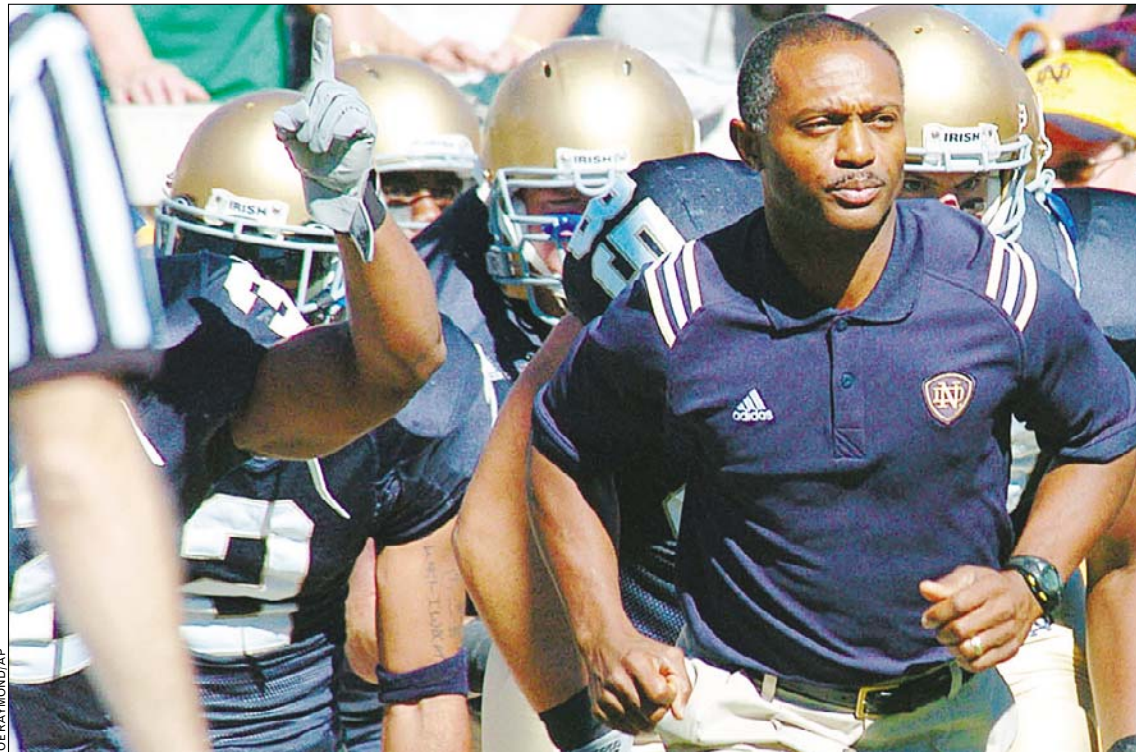
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Sports



EXIT, STAGE RIGHT: Tyrone Willingham's firing by Notre Dame leaves only two black head football coaches in Division I-A.

Notre Dame Ousts Coach

Willingham fired after 6-5 season with Irish

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Tyrone Willingham was fired Tuesday as coach at Notre Dame for failing to turn the nation's most storied football program back into a national championship contender.

He was fired three days after the Irish lost 41-10 to No. 1 Southern California to drop to 6-5 this year.

"We simply have not made the progress on the field that we need to make," athletic director Kevin White said.

Players are considering whether to play in the Insight Bowl on

Dec. 28, and White said he didn't know who would coach the game.

The timing of Willingham's ouster broke with recent Notre Dame practice that even gave struggling coaches Gerry Faust and Bob Davie five seasons to prove themselves.

Notre Dame hired Willingham, the first black head coach in any sport for the Irish, from Stanford to replace George O'Leary, who resigned five days after taking the job because he lied about his achievements on his resume.

With Tony Samuel fired by New

Mexico State and Fitz Hill resigning from San Jose State last week, there are now only two black head coaches in Division I-A: Karl Dorrell at UCLA and Sylvester Croom at Mississippi State.

One coach certain to be mentioned as a possible replacement for Willingham is Utah's Urban Meyer, a Notre Dame assistant from 1996-2000. The Utes are 11-0 and ranked No. 5 under Meyer.

TOM COYNE (AP)

Michael Wilbon: Notre Dame did not give Willingham a fair shot as head coach | **Today's Post, Sports**

Pressure Finally Gets to Browns' Davis

PRO FOOTBALL | Butch Davis never wanted to abandon his dream job and all its ego-soothing power. The last-second losses, freaky injuries, intense scrutiny and strain on his family changed his mind.

After arriving three years ago with the promise of winning a Super Bowl title, Davis resigned as the Cleveland Browns' coach on Tuesday, leaving the last-place Browns with five games left in another sinking season.

Davis' departure came two days after the Browns dropped their fifth straight game, a 58-48 loss that followed a script similar to so many others in the Davis Era: close but not good enough.

Offensive coordinator Terry Robiskie will coach the Browns for the rest of the season. His first game won't be an easy one: The Browns



Davis

host the Super Bowl champion New England Patriots on Sunday.

"He picked a hell of a week to make this decision," joked Robiskie, who served as Washington's interim coach for three games in 2000 after the Redskins fired Norv Turner.

In a statement, Davis cited "intense pressure and scrutiny" as the driving forces behind his resignation.

Davis, a former coach at the University of Miami, will likely be a candidate for the coaching opening at Florida. TOM WITHERS (AP)

COACHING UP: Nine months after he was suspended by his own school, embattled Colorado football coach Gary Barnett was named Associated Press

Big 12 Coach of the Year on Tuesday for leading his troubled program to the conference title game against Oklahoma.

Sports

Pedro Will Wait On Yanks Before Signing Contract

BASEBALL | With an offer in hand from the New York Mets, Pedro Martinez will wait to see what the New York Yankees do before deciding where he'll play next year.

The free-agent isn't close to making a decision on where to sign, a person close to Martinez said Tuesday on condition of anonymity. Martinez is likely to wait until the Yankees determine their level of interest.

The Mets offered a \$37.5 million, three-year contract last weekend, an agent with knowledge of the proposal said. Boston has offered a two-year deal to retain Martinez and must decide by Dec. 7 whether to offer salary arbitration, which would extend the window to re-sign him to Jan. 8. (AP)

WORLD CUP SKIING | DOWNWARD TRAJECTORY



SNOW MOBILE: Michaela Dorfmeister of Austria sets up for a gate on her way to the fourth-fastest time in the first training run for the Lake Louise women's World Cup downhill ski race in Lake Louise, Canada, on Tuesday.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO CONF.
New York	6	6	.500	—	6-4 4-3
Philadelphia	6	7	.462	.5	5-5 6-4
Toronto	6	9	.400	1.5	2-8 2-3
Boston	5	8	.385	1.5	4-6 3-7
New Jersey	2	11	.154	4.5	1-9 1-3

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO CONF.
Indiana	10	4	.714	—	6-4 8-2
Cleveland	9	5	.643	1	8-2 7-4
Detroit	6	7	.462	3.5	4-6 3-5
Milwaukee	4	7	.364	4.5	4-6 3-3
Chicago	1	10	.091	7.5	1-9 0-3

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO CONF.
Miami	10	5	.667	—	6-4 9-1
Orlando	8	5	.615	1	6-4 4-4
Washington	7	5	.583	1.5	5-5 6-4
Charlotte	3	9	.250	5.5	2-8 3-7
Atlanta	2	11	.154	7	2-8 0-6

WESTERN CONFERENCE

NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO CONF.
Seattle	13	2	.867	—	9-1 6-1
Minnesota	8	5	.615	4	6-4 6-2
Utah	8	6	.571	4.5	4-6 5-2
Denver	8	6	.571	4.5	7-3 4-6
Portland	7	6	.538	5	5-5 2-3

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO CONF.
Phoenix	11	2	.846	—	8-2 5-1
Sacramento	8	5	.615	3	8-2 5-5
L.A. Clippers	9	6	.600	3	6-4 4-4
L.A. Lakers	8	6	.571	3.5	6-4 5-5
Golden State	3	10	.231	8	3-7 1-9

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO CONF.
San Antonio	11	3	.786	—	8-2 6-2
Dallas	10	5	.667	1.5	6-4 6-4
Houston	6	9	.400	5.5	3-7 5-5
Memphis	5	9	.357	6	5-5 5-8
New Orleans	1	12	.077	9.5	1-9 1-9

Standings through Nov. 29 game

U.S. Opens in Caribbean

SOCCER | Instead of opening in the cold of an Ohio winter, the United States starts the final round of qualifying for the 2006 World Cup after a big Caribbean party at Trinidad and Tobago on the day after the island nation caps its Carnival celebration.

The Americans, trying to reach their fifth consecutive World Cup, begin at Trinidad on Feb. 9, then play their second game at Mexico in March. The U.S. team closes the 10-game round in October at home

against Panama.

While the top three teams in the six-nation finals of the North and Central American and Caribbean region qualify for the 32-country field at the World Cup in Germany, the fourth-place team will play the No. 5 nation in Asia in a home-and-home playoff for another berth.

The U.S., which won its four-nation semifinal group by going 3-0-3, is 6-0-2 against Trinidad and Tobago in World Cup qualifying, including 2-0-1 on the road. (AP)

In Brief

PRO FOOTBALL Bucs Release Gramatica

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers released struggling kicker Martin Gramatica on Tuesday and replaced him with Arena Football League kicker Jay Taylor. The team's career scoring leader missed three field goals in Sunday's 21-14 loss at Carolina and was 11-for-19 overall this season. He

missed seven of his last nine attempts and had not made a field goal over 22 yards since Oct. 10. (AP)

PRO FOOTBALL Vermeil Says He'll Be Back

The coach who made burnout a part of sports lexicon is 68 and enduring one of the most disappointing years of a long, distinguished career. But there are no thoughts of another retirement for Dick Vermeil, who said Tuesday he'll be back next season for the final year of his con-

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

NBA (7 P.M. ON COMCAST) Head coach Eddie Jordan returns to the Wizards' sidelines when they host the New Jersey Nets.

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. AND 9 P.M. ON ESPN) No. 1 Wake Forest faces No. 5 Illinois and No. 9 North Carolina takes on Indiana in two ACC-Big Ten Challenge games.

COLLEGE HOOPS (7:30 P.M. AND 9:30 P.M. ON ESPN2) Ohio State and Clemson play before No. 24 Virginia faces Northwestern in the ACC-Big Ten Challenge.

NBA (7 P.M. ON NBA-TV) The Milwaukee Bucks and Boston Celtics play in a battle of two disappointing teams.

tract with the Kansas City Chiefs. "Everything we do that fails I feel just as bad about today as I did in the late '70s and early '80s. But I handle it better," he said. (AP)

BASEBALL Benitez Headed to Giants

Free agent Armando Benitez and the San Francisco Giants agreed to a three-year contract Tuesday, a move that stabilizes the club's closer role that's been in flux since Robb Nen got injured two years ago.

Pacers To Face Charges

Report: 4 players eyed for legal action after fighting in the stands

NBA BRAWL | Indiana Pacers players will be charged for fighting with fans during the Nov. 19 brawl at the end of a National Basketball Association game against the Detroit Pistons, Oakland County Prosecutor David Gorceyca told The Detroit News.

Auburn Hills police Lt. James Manning told the newspaper that he expects four members of the Pacers to face assault and battery charges.

Manning said Monday that a lawyer for the Pacers told detectives that none of the players would agree to be interviewed by police.

The fight between spectators and players broke out near the end of the game after an on-court dispute over a foul. A fan hurled a drink at Pacers forward Ron Artest, who charged into the stands, followed by teammates.

Artest was suspended without pay for the rest of the season by the NBA; Stephen Jackson was suspended for 30 games, Jermaine O'Neal for 25. Police determined that a fourth member of the Pacers, reserve center David Harrison, was involved in the brawl, too, but the NBA didn't suspend him. (AP)

The Giants announced the deal after Benitez took a physical on Tuesday. Agent Mike Powers would not say how much the deal would be worth, but the San Francisco Chronicle reported that it would be for about \$21 million. Benitez bounced back from a subpar 2003 season to save 47 games and post a 1.29 ERA for the Florida Marlins this year. (AP)

Arms race: The Nationals have their eyes on free agent pitcher Russ Ortiz | Today's Post, Sports

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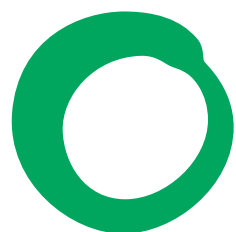
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Sports

Hamilton Fired By Cycling Team

2004 gold medalist
dropped after failing
2 blood doping tests

DOPING | Olympic gold medalist
Tyler Hamilton was fired by his
cycling team two months after test-
ing positive for blood doping.

The Swiss-based International
Cycling Union, or UCI, said Tuesday
the Phonak team told the governing
body that the American rider's con-
tract was terminated last week.

Phonak was denied a racing
license by the UCI on Tuesday
because of the team's doping
problems. Hamilton and two
other Phonak riders have been
charged in drug cases in the past
three months.

The decision means Phonak
is barred from competing in all
major events next year on UCI's
Pro Tour — which includes the
Tour de France.

Hamilton first tested positive
for blood doping after winning the
time trial at the Athens Olympics in
August. But the case was dropped
after his backup sample was fro-
zen, leaving too few red blood cells
to analyze.



Since winning the gold medal in Athens,
Hamilton has faced drug accusations.

Hamilton tested positive again
for an illegal blood transfusion at
the Spanish Vuelta in September,
with both samples confirming the
result. He faces a possible two-year
ban if found guilty.

"I am more committed than ever
to getting to the bottom of all this," he
said Tuesday. JONATHAN FOWLER (AP)

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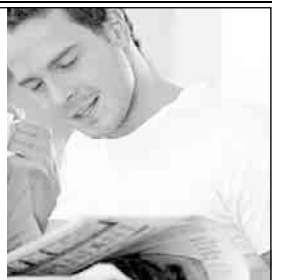
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and the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

"We can produce hydrogen at commercially attractive rates," said researcher Steve Herring.

Researchers hope to make hydrogen power infrastructure as commonplace as refineries and gas stations. MARK THIESSEN (AP)



BUYER BEWARE: The Supreme Court said Tuesday that people misled about auto loans cannot use federal law to get significant damages. The court ruled 8-1 to keep damage caps of \$100 to \$1,000 when a consumer sues dishonest lenders.

Cars

Domestic Instability

SAFETY | Computerized stability-control systems automatically put vehicles back on course in the blink of an eye. But despite almost universal agreement on the life-saving value of electronic stability-control, it is rare in the United States. And it might be years before such systems become common on American roads.

The United States has concentrated on better roads, air bags and more crashworthy cars. The goal is vehicles that prevent accidents from happening in the first place.

U.S. automakers have lagged behind their European and Japanese counterparts in embracing electronic stability-control technology. Overseas, it is standard in a

wider range of models.

U.S. automakers are taking different approaches. DaimlerChrysler, Ford and General Motors have made stability control equipment standard in some new SUVs. The technology costs up to \$500 as optional equipment.

Because of the rollover



problems of SUVs, manufacturers are concentrating on putting control systems in them instead of making the technology standard in all their vehicles. Studies suggest the systems also could make cars, pickups and minivans much safer, but buyers of those models must request stability control and pay extra for it. RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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DON'T YOU MEAN 'SPIRITS'? The road-trip wine comedy "Sideways" led contenders Tuesday for the Independent Spirit Awards with six nominations, including best film. The awards honor movies whose financing comes at least partly from independent sources.



Entertainment

Today's Top Stops

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Childhood's End: Land of Amos Oz

Perhaps Amos Oz's personally and politically tragic childhood helped shape the Israeli-born author into one of the most astute, thoughtful and moving chroniclers of the Israeli and immigrant Jewish experience. Oz discusses the memoir of his early years, "A Tale of Love and Darkness," at a Politics & Prose-sponsored reading.

Temple Sinai, 3100 Military Road NW; 7 p.m., \$10, or two tickets free with the purchase of the book; 202-364-1919.



Novelist and peace activist Amos Oz tries to make sense of his native country.

Hot Times in a Cold Season: BeauSoleil Avec Doucet

Cajun band BeauSoleil lets the good times roll and the sun shine in all year 'round with its heated mix of traditional Louisiana music and borrowings from nearby states — Tex-Mex, New Orleans and the bluesy Delta. Michael Doucet is resident fiddler and dance-motivator.

Wolf Trap, The Barns 1635 Trap Road, Vienna; through Dec. 2, 8 p.m., \$22; 800-551-7328 or 703-218-6500.

Cozy Up to the Bar: Judy Collins

Kick off a December of Good Feeling with a singer of (mostly) sweet-natured songs with a crystalline voice to match. Folk singer Judy Collins puts on her warm and fuzzy Christmas Show, backed up by the charitable and listenable Georgetown Choral.

Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 7:30 p.m., \$49.50; 800-551-7328.

It Must Be Destiny

Destiny's Child returns to rule the charts — and grow up

CHART-TOPPERS | After a three-year hiatus, Destiny's Child is picking up where it left off: at the top. "Lose My Breath," the first single from the group's "Destiny Fulfilled," quickly marched its way to No. 30.

"Obviously, it would feel good to be No. 1," said Beyoncé Knowles. "But we're not thinking competitively. We did this record for ourselves, not to sell a million the first week out. That doesn't mean as much to us as just the fact that three friends got back together to do another record."

"Destiny Fulfilled" finds the threesome making the transition into womanhood. With a more R&B stance, the album is a mature sequel to the act's 1999 album, "The Writing's on the Wall."

Each song introduces a new chapter in that journey — from love's exhilarating start ("Lose My Breath") to its sometimes disappointing end ("Through With Love"). The second single,



GIRLS TOGETHER OUTRAGEOUSLY: Beyoncé Knowles, Kelly Rowland and Michelle Williams regrouped to the tune of a top-selling album and renewed fan interest.

"Soldier," featuring rappers T.I. and Lil' Wayne, was co-produced by Rich Harrison, whose credits include Beyoncé's runaway hit "Crazy in Love."

"For the first three days in the studio, we recorded our conversations," Kelly Rowland recalled. "We were running our mouths, catching up. It was non-stop energy. And that helped us out on the album, conceptually and creatively."

"We're talking and singing about what we love and relate to," added Michelle Williams. "There's no song on this album that we didn't experience."

"I wanted to make sure Kelly and Michelle were heard," said Beyoncé, who alternates leads with both. "I wanted people to hear how beautiful and strong their voices are, how much they've matured."

And what about future Destiny's Child albums?

"Who knows what will happen in three, five or 10 years?" Beyoncé said. "The main thing is that we maintain our friendship and that we do it because we want to — not because it's a good business move."

GAIL MITCHELL (BILLBOARD)

Chet Plays It Cool



MUSIC | The 52 newly remastered tracks on the three-CD "Prince of Cool — The Pacific Jazz Years 1952-1957" (Blue Note) present trumpeter-vocalist Chet Baker in his youthful prime before the ravages of his heroin addiction set his career into inevitable decline.

Baker and his wife, Liliame, blowing in London, 1955.

Disc One, "Chet Sings," offers Baker's melancholic and endearing interpretations of classic romantic ballads, including "My Funny Valentine" and "The Thrill Is Gone." On those cuts where he also plays trumpet, his concise and lyrical solos are miniature gems.

Disc Two, "Chet Plays," features instrumental recordings by Baker's quartet, sextet and other ensembles. The trumpeter is cool and laid-back on ballads such as "How Long Has This Been Going On?" But Baker shows he can get hot on such burners as "To Mickey's Memory" and

"Jumpin' Off a Clef."

Disc Three, "Chet & Friends," finds the trumpeter in ensembles with other stars of the West Coast cool jazz school. This disc has recordings by Gerry Mulligan's piano-less quartet that launched Baker's career, and the disc also includes "The Route," the only original Baker composition among the 52 tracks.

"Prince of Cool" offers a splendid introduction to this young man with a horn who tragically never realized his full potential.

CHARLES J. GANS (AP)

Entertainment



LOUVRE II: THIS TIME IT'S PERSONAL: The Louvre is full, but relief is now on the way. The government announced plans to build the "Louvre II," an offshoot of the Paris museum, in northern France as a home for much of its art now sitting in storage. But there's only one "Mona Lisa."

Sex and the Conqueror

Alexander was gay? The Greeks have a word for it: lawsuit

CIVILIZATION | Alexander the Great, who carved out a vast empire east of Greece before his death at age 32, is idolized in this nation as a symbol of its ancient glory.

No fewer than 29 streets in Athens are named after him.

So when Oliver Stone's new epic about the conqueror's life depicted him as a bisexual who has a fling with his childhood friend Hephaestion, the portrayal hit a raw nerve in a nation where homophobic attitudes remain widespread.

A group of 25 Greek lawyers has threatened to sue the movie's producers over what they describe as a distortion of history — but insist the protest is not

aimed at gays.

"We would have reacted the same way if the issue didn't involve homosexuality," said Yiannis Varnakos, the head of the lawyers' group. "We just don't want a distortion of historical facts."

The lawyers are calling on the filmmakers, Warner Bros., to carry a disclaimer that the movie is a fictional

portrayal of Alexander's life.

On Tuesday, they withdrew a request to delay the movie's release in Greece, agreeing to suspend the action until they watch a preview screening of "Alexander" before it opens in Greece on Dec. 3.

Gay rights campaigners have condemned the lawyers' campaign, contending it is a clear case of homophobia disguised as a quest for historical truth.

"When it comes to these sorts of matters, Greece is stuck in the middle ages," said Athanasios Vessis, manager of the only gay book store in Greece. "Everyone knows homosexuality was something natural in ancient Greece. I don't see the reason for all the fuss."

In Stone's 173-minute film, Alexander has an intimate relationship with childhood friend and cavalry commander Hephaestion.

Historians say ancient Greek men often had sexual partners of either gender and many argue Alexander was no exception.

Stone's consultant on the movie, British historian Robert Lane Fox, wrote in his 1973 book, *Alexander the Great*: "Alexander was only defeated once, the Cynic philosophers said long after his death, and that was by Hephaestion's thighs."

Varnakos challenged Fox to explain his conclusions, since none of the sources of Alexander's contemporaries survive. "I can't just claim that JFK was a basketball player for the Los Angeles Lakers," he said. "So likewise Stone cannot say Alexander was gay." PARIS

AYIOMAMITIS (AP)



John Drew Barrymore in "Rawhide."

John Drew Barrymore Dead at 72

APPRECIATION | John Drew Barrymore, heir to an acting dynasty and absent father of movie star Drew Barrymore, had a colorful career that included repeated brushes with the law.

He died Monday in Los Angeles at age 72, Drew Barrymore said in a statement issued by her publicist. No information was released about the cause of death.

He was part of an acting clan that included his father, the famed stage and film actor John Barrymore, his mother, silent screen star Dolores Costello, and his father's siblings, Lionel and Ethel Barrymore.

"He was a cool cat. Please smile when you think of him," Drew Barrymore said in the statement.

(AP)



Angelina Jolie and Colin Farrell in the critically drubbed film that started all the fuss.

JAAP BUITENDIJK

Champ's Final 'Jeopardy!'

GAME SHOWS | "Jeopardy!" whiz Ken Jennings finally met his match after a 74-game run in which he became the biggest winner in TV game show history with a haul of \$2,520,700.

The pop culture icon who made brainiacs cool was beaten by a woman whose own 8-year-old daughter asked for his autograph when they first met.

As someone who always has prepared his own tax returns, Jennings was tripped up in Final Jeopardy by this answer: Most of this firm's 70,000 seasonal white-collar employees work only four

months a year.

The correct reply: "What is H&R Block?" But Jennings guessed Federal Express, ending his remarkable run.

Having an accountant-friend who's nearly impossible to reach at tax time paid off big-time for his conqueror, California real estate agent Nancy Zerg, who ousted the baby-faced killer competitor in Tuesday's episode.

During his streak that began June 2, Jennings usually had opponents so thoroughly beaten that the Final Jeopardy question was mean-

ingless to the outcome. But Zerg was within striking range at that point, with \$10,000 to Jennings' \$14,400. Her correct reply gave Zerg \$14,001 to Jennings' \$8,799.

Even before that, she had needed an unusual display of Jennings fallibility to stay in the game. He twice answered wrong on Daily Double questions, which give contestants a chance to make big wagers.

Maybe that's why he paused, ever so slightly, when asked Tuesday whether he had lost or been beaten. He then graciously gave Zerg credit.

DAVID BAUDER (AP)



DOUBLED OVER: After two flubbed Daily Doubles, Tuesday's final round sealed the fate of "Jeopardy!" champ Ken Jennings. His winnings totalled some \$2.5 million.

LOVE HIM TENDER: The U.K. branch of RCA Records is more Elvis-crazy than anyone Stateside. The label plans to



reissue each of Presley's 18 No. 1 singles (in the U.K.), one per week, in honor of the 70th anniversary of the late singer's birth on Jan. 8.

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Not-So-Heroic Spidey DVD

DVD | There's no question that the "Spider-Man 2" DVD is packed with Peter Parker extras. But fans of Sam Raimi's blockbuster sequel may not care to watch all of them. Sony hasn't skimped on the supplemental material that accompanies this two-disc set, the centerpiece of which is the two-hour-plus docu-

mentary "Making the Amazing." Unfortunately, it's not entirely amazing: Most of it is deadly dull, a surprise for a movie that remains thrilling after multiple viewings.

MOST AMUSING BONUS POINT: The fun blooper reel includes a scene where Raimi nails Maguire in the

face with a messenger bag. Movie stars getting hit by moving objects: That's comedy.

MOST WORTHWHILE BONUS POINT: The "Spidey Sense 2" pop-up trivia track is filled with all sorts of factoids. For example, did you know that Maguire wanted to be a chef when he was in high school? Or that



DIGITAL DILEMMA: A suspiciously air-brushed Spider-Man and Mary Jane.

J.K. Simmons is the voice of the yellow M&M? Now you do.

MOST MULTI-LIMBED BONUS POINT: The behind-the-scenes feature "Ockumentary: Eight Arms to Hold You," a look at the evolution of villain Doc Ock, succeeds in all the ways "Amazing" does not. **JEN CHANEY** (WASHINGTONPOST.COM)

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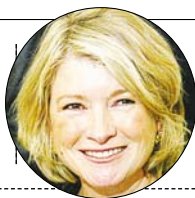
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Television



ROBODIVA CANNOT BE STOPPED: Martha Stewart may come back from her prison stint in a big way — on the small screen. It's rumored Martha, NBC and "Survivor" creator Mark Burnett are close to sealing a deal on a primetime — what else? — competition.

She's Sew Original

The brisk 'Project Runway' is a breath of reality-TV fresh air

DEBUT | Fans of Donald Trump's show who have been bored by this season's relentless product placements, corporate promotions and lack of character-driven fireworks should sample the wares on "Project Runway" (10 p.m., Bravo). An "Apprentice" clone set in the high-strung world of "America's Next Top Model," this engaging, task-oriented reality contest gives a dozen aspiring designers a chance to break into the fashion world.



SNIP/TUCK: Austin Scarlett, if that is his name, works the produce aisle.

To its credit, "Runway" wastes little time with "Real World" drama and gets right down to business. The designers are marched to a secret location to gather materials for the first competition — a supermarket. They have one hour to find everything they need for their outfits. The resulting "fashions" are unorthodox, to say the least.

The fragile and sensitive Austin Scarlett emerges as the most compelling contestant. While his fellow would-be designers gather shower curtains, butcher paper, placemats and aluminum foil, Austin heads straight for the produce department. He later fashions a gown out of cornhusks. The results are stunning, even if they do require refrigeration. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ON TV TONIGHT

THANKS FOR NOTHING

THE APPRENTICE (8 p.m., NBC) The Donald glances back on previously aired clips.

BUT CAN IT BUILD A RAFT?

LOST (8 p.m., ABC) Clare has terrible premonitions about her soon-to-be-born child.

THE SMALLEST VICTIMS

Linda Ellerbee hosts **LIVING WITH AIDS: A STORY OF THREE KIDS** (8:30 p.m., Nickelodeon), a documentary about three children born with the disease and their efforts to live normal lives.

CJ, TRY TO CONTROL YOURSELF

THE WEST WING (9 p.m., NBC) A diplomatic gesture angers China.

IS THE HORSEY OK?

CSI: NY (10 p.m., CBS) An equestrian cop takes a bullet.



Bardem, right, and Andrea di Stefano.

CULT CHOICE

BEFORE NIGHT FALLS (11 p.m., Independent Film Channel) Javier Bardem offers a compelling performance as a poet who survives repression in Cuba in this 2000 drama directed by Julian Schnabel.

BYE, WHOZITS — ER, NICOLE

AMERICA'S NEXT TOP MODEL (8 p.m., UPN) More eliminations. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

12.1.04	6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC [4] News		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	The Apprentice "A Look Back" (N) ♪		The West Wing (N) ♪		Law & Order "Enemy" (N) ♪		News	The Tonight Show
	WTTG [5] The Simpsons ♪	The Simpsons ♪	Friends	Seinfeld	That '70s Show	Quintuplets (N) ♪	Nanny 911 "The Priore Family" (N) ♪		News		Friends ♪	Drew Carey
	WJLA [7] News	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Lost "Raised by Another" (N) ♪		Nick & Jessica's Family Christmas		(:02) Wife Swap (N) ♪		News	(:35) Nightline
	WUSA [9] News	CBS News	USA Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer ♪		King of Queens	Center-Univ	CSI: NY "Officer Blue" (N) ♪		News	(:35) Late Show
	WDCA [20] Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Malcolm-Mid.	Malcolm-Mid.	America's Next Top Model (N) ♪		Kevin Hill "The Unexpected" (N) ♪		That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Every-Raymond	Dharma & Greg
	WMPT [22] The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	Business Rpt.	Artworks-Week	Nova The survival tale of Sir Ernest Shackleton and his crew. (DVS)				Great Performances	Eric Clapton and others perform at a three-day festival.		
BASIC CABLE	WETA [26] BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	MoneyWise	Classic Gospel Special Edition ♪		Violent Planet	(:40) Violent Planet	BBC World News	Lucille Ball: Finding Lucy "An American Masters Special"		
	WHUT [32] At Howard		BBC World News	MoneyWise	Classic Gospel Special Edition ♪		Violent Planet	(:40) Violent Planet	Tavis Smiley ♪	Charlie Rose (N) ♪		
	WBDC [50] The Parkers ♪	Steve Harvey	The Parkers ♪	Steve Harvey	Smallville "Scare" (N) ♪		Jack & Bobby "Today I Am a Man"		Will & Grace ♪	Just Shoot Me ♪	Will & Grace ♪	Blind Date (N) ♪
	A&E	City Confidential "Park City" ♪	American Justice: Strangers	American Justice "Serial Wife" (N) ♪	Biography "Scott Peterson" ♪		Biography "Jeopardy" "Jeopardy!"		Crossing Jordan "Payback" ♪			
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries ♪	Most Extreme: Strength	The Jeff Corwin Experience ♪	Animal Face-Off "Lion vs. Croc"		Animal Face-Off "Lion vs. Croc"		The Jeff Corwin Experience ♪			
	BET	106 & Park World AIDS Day 2004 (N)	Access Granted	The Parkers ♪	Girlfriends ♪		Coming to the Stage		BET Nightly News	Walk-Sunshine		
MOVIES	Bravo	(5:00) *** "The Celluloid Closet"	The West Wing "H.Con - 172" ♪	*** "Dirty Dancing" (1987, Drama) Jennifer Grey, Patrick Swayze. ♪					Project Runway (Series Premiere) (N)	The West Wing "H.Con - 172" ♪		
	Comedy	100 Greatest Stand-Ups ♪	The Daily Show	Mad TV ♪	Crank Yankers		Reno 911! ♪	South Park ♪	South Park (N)	Drawn Together	The Daily Show	South Park ♪
	Court	NYPD Blue "Jackass" ♪	Cops ♪	Cops ♪	The Investigators "Sins of the Father"		Forensic Files	Psychic Detect	The Investigators		Caught	Masterminds
	Discovery	Monster Nation (N)	American Chopper	Old-school bike.	Black Sky: The Race for Space		Black Sky: The Race for Space		Black Sky: Winning the X Prize		Black Sky: The Race for Space	
	DISCH	Chicago Hope ♪	Trauma: Life in the ER ♪	Changing Sexes: Male to Female	Plastic Surgery: Before and After		Plastic Surgery: Before and After		Dangerous Deception		Changing Sexes: Male to Female	
	Disney	Even Stevens	Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister ♪	That's So Raven	*** "Cool Runnings" (1993, Comedy) Leon, Doug E. Doug. ♪	Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister ♪	Even Stevens	Boy Meets World		
MOVIES	E!	Diary of an Affair	Diary of an Affair	E! News (N)	It's Good to Be		Doris Day: The E! True Hollywood Story	Chronicle the career of Doris Day.	Jackie Collins Presents		Howard Stern	Howard Stern
	FX	Fear Factor "Couples Show" ♪	King of the Hill ♪	King of the Hill ♪	*** "Hart's War" (2002) Bruce Willis, Colin Farrell. A law student defends a murder suspect in a Nazi POW camp.		*** "Hart's War" (2002) Bruce Willis, Colin Farrell. A law student defends a murder suspect in a Nazi POW camp.		Fear Factor "Couples Show" ♪			
	HGTV	Wknd Warriors	Landscapers	Curb Appeal	House Hunters		Sensible Chic (N)	Mission: Orgnz	Curb Appeal (N)	Curb Appeal	Painted House ♪	Dream House (N)
	Family	7th Heaven ♪		Frosty's Wnter	'Twas Night		*** "Blizzard" (2003) Brenda Blethyn, Christopher Plummer. Premiere. ♪		Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club ♪	
	History	Tales of the Gun ♪	Modern Marvels "Super Guns" ♪	Modern Marvels (N) ♪	Full Throttle ♪		Full Throttle ♪		Band of Brothers ♪		(:25) Mail Call	
	Lifetime	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	"A Holiday to Remember" (1995, Drama)	Connie Sellecca, Randy Travis. ♪		*** "On the 2nd Day of Christmas" (1997) Mary Stuart Masterson. ♪		The Nanny ♪		The Golden Girls	
MOVIES	MTV	The Real World	The Real World	The Real World	Fight-Rights	Hard Rock Live	Boiling Points ♪		Pimp My Ride ♪	Viva La Bam ♪	Boiling Points ♪	Boiling Points ♪
	NICK	Hey Arnold! ♪	Rugrats ♪	Jimmy Neutron	Fairly Oddparents	SpongeBob	News Special		Full House ♪	Full House ♪	Fresh Prince	The Cosby Show
	SCI FI	Stargate SG-1 "Watergate" ♪	Beyond Belief: Fact or Fiction? ♪	Proof Positive: Evidence	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation ♪		The Club "Hit the High Road" (N) ♪		Sex and the City	Sex and the City	(:15) The Real Gilligan's Island	
	SPIKE	World's Wildest Police Videos ♪	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation ♪	The Real Gilligan's Island (N)	Mostly True Stories: Urban Legends		In a Fix "Beachfront Bash" (N)		Amazing Medical Stories		Mostly True Stories: Urban Legends	
	TBS	Seinfeld ♪	Seinfeld "Pilot"	Every-Raymond	Law & Order "Payback" ♪		Law & Order "Ritual" ♪ (DVS)		*** "Blade" (1998, Action) Wesley Snipes, Stephen Dorff. ♪ (DVS)		Charmed "Witchness Protection" ♪	
	TLC	Clean Sweep "Handbag Hell" ♪	In a Fix "Now and Zen" ♪	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit ♪	100 Cheesetastic Video Tricks... Ex		*** "Out for a Kill" (2003, Action) Steven Seagal, Michelle Goh. ♪		*** "Airheads" (1994, Comedy) Brendan Fraser, Steve Buscemi. ♪		*** "Pitch Black" (2000) ♪	
MOVIES	TNT	Charmed "Sight Unseen" ♪	Law & Order "Payback" ♪	100 Cheesetastic Video Tricks... Ex								
	USA	(5:30) *** "The Bourne Identity" (2002) Matt Damon, Franka Potente. ♪	AIDS: A Pop Culture History ♪									
	VHI	Driven "Usher" ♪										
	TELEM	Corte-Pueblo	Noti-Telemndo	Anita No Te Rajes	Prisionera		Gitanas		Te Voy a Enseñar a Querer		Noticiero Tel.	Laura
	UNIV	Viviana	Noticiero Univ	La Mujer de Madera	Rubi		Amor Real		Don Francisco Presenta		Primer Impacto	Noticiero Univ.
MOVIES	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) ♪	College Basketball Wake Forest at Illinois. (Live) ♪				College Basketball North Carolina at Indiana. (Live) ♪		SportsCenter (Live) ♪			
	ESPN2	2004 World Series of Poker	NFL Live ♪	College Basketball Ohio State at Clemson. (Live) ♪			College Basketball Virginia at Northwestern. (Live) ♪					Streetball ♪
	CSN	I, Max (N)	SportsNite ♪	NBA Basketball New Jersey Nets at Washington Wizards. From MCI Center in Washington, D.C.			Wizards Post.		SportsNite (Live) ♪		Ralph Friedgen	Best-Sports
	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight ♪	Anderson Cooper 360 ♪	Paula Zahn Now ♪			Larry King Live ♪		NewsNight With Aaron Brown ♪		Are You Positive?	
	FNC	Special Report (Live) ♪	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith	Hannity & Colmes (Live) ♪			Hannity & Colmes (Live) ♪		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor	
	MSNBC	The Abrams Report (Live)	Hardball (Live) ♪	Countdown With Keith Olbermann			Hardball With Chris Matthews		Scarborough Country (Live)		Hardball ♪	
MOVIES	AMC	(4:15) Manhunter	(:45) *** "Jackie Brown" (1997, Drama) Pam Grier, Robert Forster. A fearless flight attendant gets in trouble with the law. 'R' ♪						FilmFakers "The Big Bang" ♪		*** "Manhunter" (1986) 'R'	
	TCM	(5:00) The Thing	*** "The Blob" (1958) Steve McQueen, Earl Rowe. 'NR'	*** "Moonstruck" (1987, Comedy) Cher, Nicolas Cage. 'PG'					*** "Arsenic and Old Lace" (1944, Comedy) Cary Grant. 'NR' ♪ (DVS)			
	HBO	(5:30) *** "The Naked Gun" ♪	*** "The In-Laws" (2003) Michael Douglas. 'PG-13' ♪	Peter Sellers	The Wire "Reformation" ♪				Inside the NFL (N) ♪		Family Bonds ♪	Real Sports ♪
	MAX	*** "Out for Justice" (1991) Steven Seagal. 'R' ♪	*** "The Matrix Reloaded" (2003) Keanu Reeves. Freedom fighters revolt against machines.	*** "Win a Date With Tad Hamilton!" (2004) ♪ 'PG-13'					*** "Win a Date With Tad Hamilton!" (2004) ♪ 'PG-13'		Cradle 2 Grave	
	SHOW	(5:05) She-Devil	Alfie: SHO Me	My Life in Verse	(:25) *** "The Hunted" (2003) Tommy Lee Jones. 'R'		HUFF "Control" (iTV) ♪		*** "It's My Party" (1996) Eric Roberts. iTV Premiere. ♪ 'R' ♪			
	TMC	(:05) *** "Another Stakeout" (1993) Richard Dreyfuss. ♪ 'PG-13' ♪	*** "The Dangerous Lives of Altar Boys" (2002) 'R'	(:45) *** "Party Monster" (2003) Macaulay Culkin. Premiere. ♪ 'R' ♪							Kicking-Scream	
MOVIES	STARZ!	(:05) *** "Joe's Apartment" (1996) Jerry O'Connell. ♪	*** "Spy Kids 3: Game Over" (2003) Antonio Banderas.	*** "Under the Tuscan Sun" (2003) Diane Lane. ♪ 'PG-13' ♪					*** "The Safety of Objects" (2001)			
	ENCORE	(:15) *** "Big Trouble in Little China" (1986) Kurt Russell. ♪ 'PG-13' ♪	*** "Tombstone" (1993, Western) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer. ♪ 'R' ♪						(:15) *** "Tango & Cash" (1989, Drama) Sylvester Stallone. ♪ 'R' ♪			

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Technology

A generation comes of age taking Internet access for granted

Even when he's asleep, Scott Kearnan is hooked into the Internet. He just turns down the volume on his computer.

"If I don't have it, I feel cut off," said the 22-year-old from Mendon, Mass. For 21-year-old William Herbert, the Internet has replaced newspapers and TV weather reports. He pays his bills online, registers for classes, books airline and train tickets, checks TV listings, buys movie tickets and gets travel directions.

It's an example of how the Internet is taken for granted by young Americans who "have not known life with-

NET WORTH: The Web is essential to Suhas Sridharan's schoolwork; she checks in from many places on campus.

out it," said Malcolm Bird, head of America Online's services for kids and teens.

Young people are now likely to demand a speedy broadband connection, download music onto an iPod or upload digital photos to



JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

Always Online

their Web logs. "Students are continuously connected to other students and friends and family in ways that older generations never would have imagined," said Steve Jones, chairman of the communications department at the University of

Illinois at Chicago.

Young people are plugged in — all the time.

Assignments are dispersed online to students, who do research online. And class

handouts have gone the way of the Web, posted on electronic bulletin boards for downloading.

So when Emory University's computer server went down for a few hours one evening this fall, "a lot of people were at loose ends," freshman Suhas Sridharan said. "They

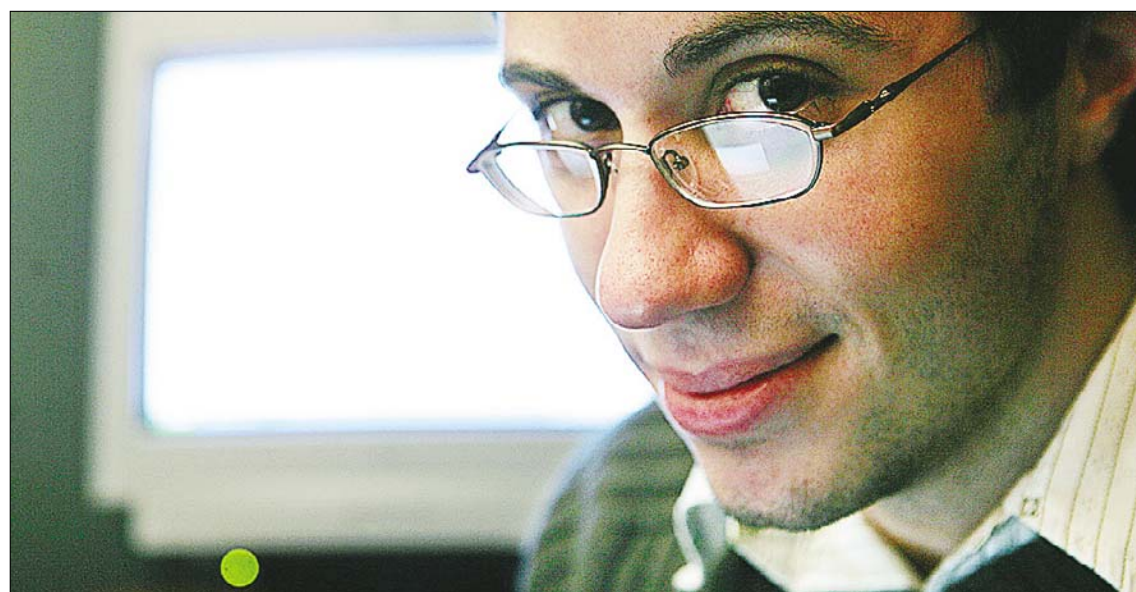
couldn't do their homework."

Using messages sent wirelessly from laptop to laptop, one student recently helped another who didn't speak English very well by translating a point Jones was making during a lecture.

Students have surfed the Net during class and found Web sites that supplement the discussion — though Jones also jokes that he's never had his students' undivided attention thanks to the laptops, cell phones and other gizmos they carry.

He said young workers are able to handle "multiple conversations and juggle better than the previous generations." The Internet, he said, plays into this generation's wish for flexibility at home, work and during down time. MARTHA IRVINE (AP)

WEB, WHEREVER: Scott Kearnan has a laptop he totes with him, making the Internet available anytime he needs it.



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Mark Maske

NFL Insider

Washington Post columnist **MARK MASKE** was online Tuesday to discuss the future of Coach Gibbs and playoff picks | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

What is all this talk about Gibbs resigning after this season to become general manager? Gibbs has adamantly denied this rumor. Could there be any truth to it?

Gibbs has shot it down, and I tend to believe him. But you can't necessarily go by what a coach says with five games to go in a season. Things could change. I've thought all along there was a chance that Gibbs' health, given the way he approaches the job, could force him to walk away again at some point.

Do I think that Gibbs is quitting after the season? No, I don't. But you can't completely dismiss it.

Watching Patrick Ramsey vs. Ben Roethlisberger this weekend, it struck me why Ramsey is not a good NFL QB: He is not mobile in the pocket. Whenever Roethlisberger was pressured, he would shuffle left-right-forward to buy some time, then dump the ball off. Ramsey is basically a sitting duck in the pocket.

It's a very good point. Ramsey lacks the nuances — seeing the field, making quick decisions, feeling the pressure and sliding one way or the

other in the pocket. All those things should get better with experience, but there are no guarantees that he'll ever get the polish you need to be a winning quarterback in this league. I still like him as a prospect, though — because of his arm, because of his grit, because of his intelligence and demeanor — and I wouldn't give up on him yet.

Who are your NFC playoff picks? And which AFC teams will be left out that you think will deserve to be in?

I'll go with the Falcons, Packers and Seahawks to join the Eagles as the division winners, and I'll go with the Vikings and Rams as the wild cards. In the AFC, I'll go with the Pats, Steelers, Colts and Chargers (yes, I now believe) as division winners, and the Jets and Ravens as wild cards. That would leave Denver and Jacksonville out, even though either one might be as good as anyone but Philly in the NFC.

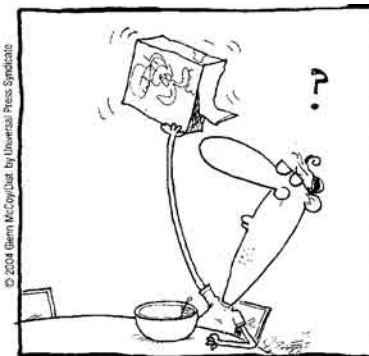
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NOON: Jill Dutt, assistant managing editor for financial news, takes questions on the Post's coverage of business and finance.

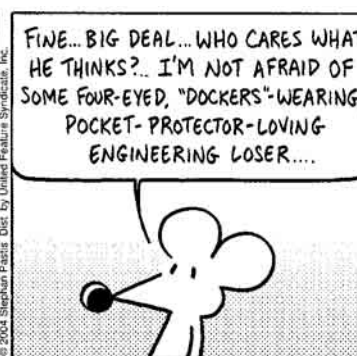
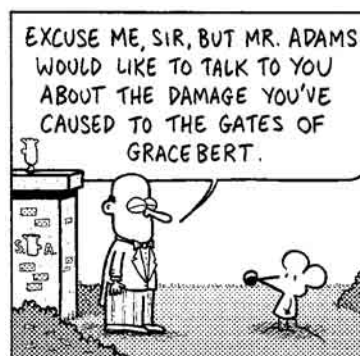
The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



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Letters

Leave Reindeer Games Alone

THE SENTIMENT IN Tuesday's letter on "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" reflects what's wrong with society today. To want to have a traditional Christmas program

pulled from TV because Rudolph's feelings get hurt and nobody says "sorry" is ridiculous. It's a story. If adults want to read deeper into it, the story teaches about real life, where people often reject others for silly reasons and don't say they're sorry. Overanalysis such as this brings down the spirit of the holiday season. If the writer's

looking for an apology, she won't get one from me.

—BRANDAN SCHULZE
Fairfax, Va.

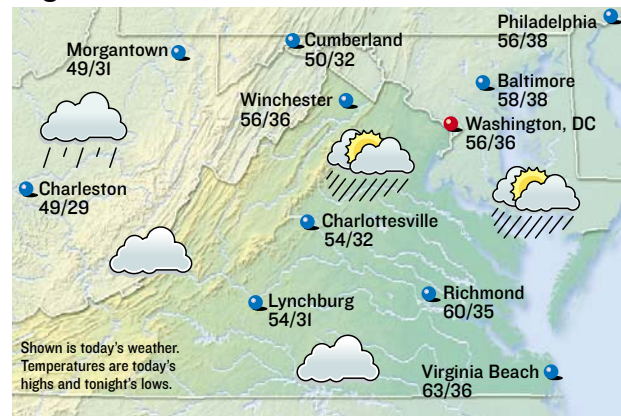
Correction:

In Tuesday's edition, we incorrectly identified the director of the documentary "Unforgivable Blackness: The Rise and Fall of Jack Johnson." It was directed by Ken Burns.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Very windy, morning showers	Mainly clear, brisk, cold	Partly sunny	Partly sunny, chilly	Partly sunny	Partly sunny
56°	36°	53° / 35°	48° / 35°	48° / 37°	54° / 38°

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Year to date	39.42"
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Normal year to date	36.41"

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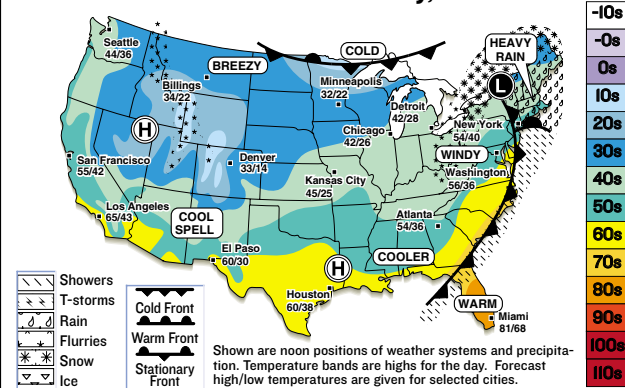
D.C. Metro: Today, shower early, becoming partly sunny, very windy. High 56. Wind northwest 15-30 mph. Tonight, mostly clear, breezy. Low 36.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:08 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:46 p.m.
Moonrise today	8:47 p.m.
Moonset today	11:16 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Dec 4	Dec 11	Dec 18	Dec 26

National Weather for Wednesday, December 1



National Cities

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Atlanta	54/36/pc	60/38/s
Boston	48/36/r	49/31/pc
Chicago	42/26/s	38/24/sf
Dallas	60/34/s	55/36/pc
Denver	33/14/pc	36/17/pc
Honolulu	84/74/pc	84/73/s
Los Angeles	65/43/s	65/45/s
Miami	81/68/pc	82/65/pc
New York City	54/40/r	48/36/pc
Orlando	80/58/pc	78/56/pc
Seattle	44/36/sh	46/38/sh

World Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Amsterdam	38/34/sn	42/37/c
Athens	62/50/c	63/54/sh
Berlin	45/31/c	39/32/r
Buenos Aires	90/68/s	90/70/s
Calgary	37/23/pc	39/21/pc
Dublin	47/37/r	47/36/pc
Geneva	40/37/c	46/40/pc
Moscow	25/24/sn	30/25/sf
Rome	57/49/r	62/49/pc
Sydney	95/63/pc	75/55/pc
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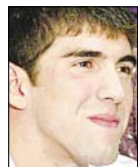
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People

COURT

Fans Mark Calendars, Plan Trips to Ocean City

MICHAEL PHELPS' drunken driving trial was set for Dec. 29. Phelps, 19, was stopped by a state trooper on Nov. 4 for running a stop sign in Salisbury, Md. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving while impaired, driving under the influence per se (defined as driving with a blood-alcohol level of .08 percent or higher), a violation of a license restriction and failure to obey a traffic control device. The trial will be held in Salisbury. (AP)



Ruben will now return to promoting his new album.



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

CASTING

Hanks Will Play Only One Character in 'Code'

TOM HANKS will reunite with director Ron Howard to star in "The Da Vinci Code," the film adaptation of Dan Brown's best seller dissecting the origins of Christianity. Production will begin next year, and distributor Sony Pictures said Tuesday it plans to release the film May 19, 2006. Hanks will play Robert Langdon, a symbolologist in a race to solve the murder of an elderly member of an ancient society that has protected dark secrets



FABIAN BIMMER/AP

Hanks looks forward to performing without wires all over his face and body.

since the early years of Christianity. "Code" will mark Hanks' third collaboration with Howard. (AP)

DIVERSIONS

While Diana Tapes Play, Charles Honors Bland Cereal

PRINCE CHARLES reminisced about his cereal-eating childhood Tuesday as he presented a royal award to the makers of Weetabix. "I was virtually brought up on Weetabix — and look at the result," the Prince told an

audience at the company's factory in Burton Latimer. Weetabix, a wheat biscuit that turns soggy when milk is applied, has long been the best selling cereal in Britain. Charles was on hand to present Weetabix with the Queen's Award for Enterprise, given for a 45 percent rise in exports in the past six years. (AP)

UPDATES

Ruben Less Exhausted

RUBEN STUDDARD was released from the Birmingham, Ala., hospital where he was being treated for exhaustion, in time for Thanksgiving, reported E! Online. His uncle told "Access Hollywood" that his nephew was "glad to eat" and "looking forward to going back to work."

(EXPRESS)



FESTIVE: "Happy Endings," a comic drama with an ensemble cast including Lisa Kudrow, Maggie Gyllenhaal and Laura Dern, will open the 11-day Sundance Film Festival. (AP)

MODESTY

Maria Pretends She Hasn't Chosen Her Inaugural Gown

MARIA SHRIVER believes there should be an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would allow her husband, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, to run for president — but she has her doubts that it will be enacted. "Forget about it," California's first lady says in an arti-



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Maria's sweet taste of first ladyhood has only caused her thirst to grow.

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In My Opinion ...

ELTON JOHN has blamed Victoria Beckham for problems in her marriage to soccer star David Beckham. John, a close friend of the couple and a godfather to their sons, told Heat magazine that Victoria should have moved with the Real Madrid star when he relocated to Spain. "I think he missed her and the boys terribly," John said. (AP)

cle in the January issue of Vanity Fair magazine, on newsstands Wednesday. "It is not going to happen. The process takes years, and this is as far as it goes." She said there "absolutely" should be an amendment that would allow Republican Schwarzenegger and other naturalized citizens to run for president. "We are a nation of immigrants," she said. (AP)

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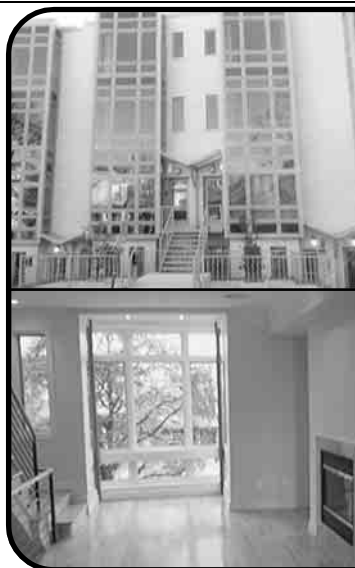
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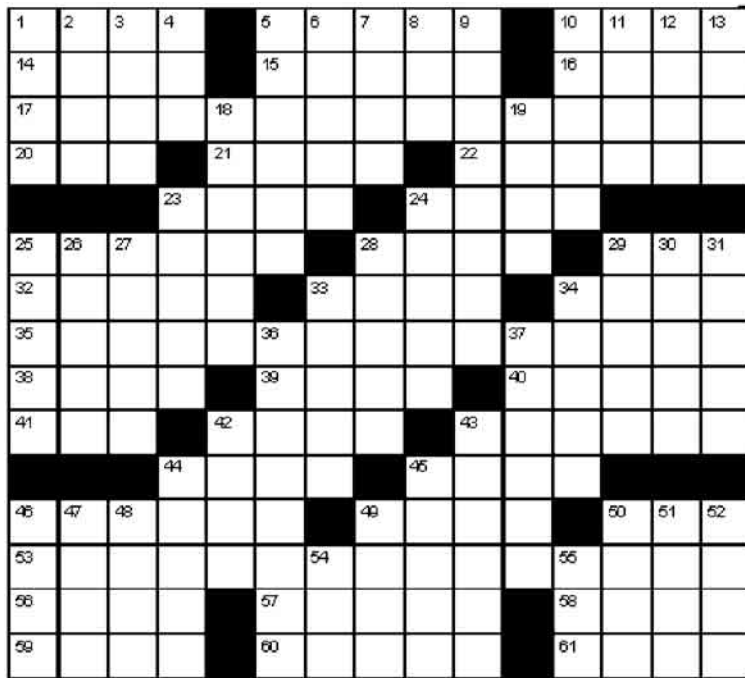
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52 Blunt sword
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55 Partner of flow

Yesterday's Solution



Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) It's definitely time for you to leave the sidelines and get in the game. Others are waiting eagerly for your energy and input.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You're not likely to see your opponents make many mistakes, so you better be sure that you're prepared and on top of your game.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may have to be the bad guy for a while. Get others to improve on their own skills and

begin getting better results.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Your advice will be sought, but your comments may not be taken seriously if you aren't serious in the way you offer them.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) There is such a thing as putting too much into a simple effort — know when to pull back just a bit.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The competition may be stiff, but you have what it takes to come out on top despite any limitations of which you may currently be aware.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Stop commenting on your own work; let others judge — and you concentrate instead on simply giving it the best you've got.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may be getting in your own way these days sim-

ply because you insist on stopping and thinking about things at every turn. Trust in momentum.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You can impress others by remaining in the background just as much as by remaining in the spotlight. Your support is appreciated.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Remember that it isn't over until you've actually been vanquished — or you give up, whichever comes first. There's no reason to quit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Take advantage of your natural gifts and you can get results that could, in time, place you squarely on top of the heap.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may feel that the pace is too slow for you, but the fact is that you are in need of a little more time to contemplate.

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